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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 29th meeting, on 13 December 2016. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.[1]

II. Consideration of a draft decision contained in document A/C.2/71/L.64

3. At its 29th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it its draft programme of work for the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/71/L.64), submitted by the Chair on the basis of consultations held with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft programme of work for the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/C.2/71/L.64, and recommended its approval by the Assembly (see para. 5).

[1] A/C.2/71/SR.29.

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III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-second session of the General Assembly

1. Information and communications technologies for development.
2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt sustainability and development;
   (d) Commodities;
   (e) Financial inclusion for sustainable development;
   (f) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development.
3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.
4. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
   (c) Disaster risk reduction;
   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;
   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;
   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
   (g) Harmony with Nature;
   (h) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
   (i) Combating sand and dust storms;

(j) Education for sustainable development.

5. Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

6. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) Science, technology and innovation for development;

(c) Culture and sustainable development;

(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries.

7. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.

8. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development.

9. Operational activities for development:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) South-South cooperation for development.

10. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition.

11. Towards global partnerships.

12. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.